

THE MILWAUKEE RADIO AMATEURS' CLUB, INC.

The World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Club

AFFILIATED WITH
THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, INC.



CHARTERED AS
A NON-STOCK CORPORATION BY THE
STATE OF WISCONSIN

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Jan. 25, 1995

Rosalie:

I presented your letter of Nov. 9th to the Board of Directors last night, and we discussed the matter for some time.

As you may not be aware, we are refurbishing an old time Radio Club-the oldest continuously operating club in the USA. We were affiliated with the ARRL in 1919, and have been in operation continuously ever since.

We have revamped our Board of Directors, have revised our By-Laws, we have established a school for the instruction of would-be hams, and we examine them in our VEC program.

We are rebuilding our membership, we have revamped our programs, we have installed a 2 meter repeater, W9RN on 147.045+, and we operate local information nets on 10m. & 2m. Our Newsletter, Hamateur Chatier (from long ago), has been re-done, and serves as another line of communication with our membership. The local people can access our information line on 466-HAMS for timely information on local events, and we have a 24 hr/day FAX facility.

Our Field Day operation took place on the site of the Pioneer Village-an Historic recreation in Ozaukee County. We also operated 2 special event stations from the same location, commemorating the 75th Anniversary of our affiliation with the ARRL.

We have put a great deal of time, effort, and money into the last two years refurbishment, and we are not in a financial position to contribute as you suggest. It sounds as though this might be a real incentive, but until we recoup, I'm afraid that we must decline.

If it is your intent to continue this program, please write again next year, as we will be in better shape to make such a decision.

73,

cc: E. Wille, Pres.

FRED A. LINN
Secretary

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Rosalie:

I tho't that perhaps it might be enlightening to give you a bit of background on our relationship with ARRL during the last several years.

In trying to revitalize our club we have worked very hard to get back to what we used to have. (See the attached letter). This past year we ran a field day program at a very special site.

We ran two special event stations at the same site, and sent notifications to QST, in the hopes of getting it published. Nothing! Our historian, WB9LNU, wrote an account of our club history, and sent it to QST, and in a conversation with HQ, he was assured of getting it into print. Nothing!

Also, I have been getting QST late during the last two months of 1994. I did not receive Jan. at all, and had to talk to Rich Regent, who must have reported it to the proper parties, as I did get a Jan. copy, belatedly. I also received a copy of Feb., as a result of his inquiry.

I am a Charter Life Member, and also a 55+ year member of ARRL. I am a member of the WIAW Century Club, and have a certificate of appreciation for financial support of the construction of the new HQ building. I have supported the preparation of the WARC-92 conference material. Several of our older members have similar records of ARRL support, and we wonder why we cannot receive a little printed recognition for our club effort?

We would like to believe that the ARRL would be grateful for such loyalty, and could recognize SOME of the club information which we send to HQ. Such publicity is not for personal advertizing, but is rather for benefit to the Oldest affiliated organization in the ARRL history-(Since 1919).

Thank you for your attention in this matter, and we would appreciate the courtesy of your reply.

Jan. 25, 1995

Cordially,

FRED A. LINN W9NZF
Secretary